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Your Dollars in Motion



**A breakdown of
the city's budget**

Budget Cycle

Important dates in this year's budget process



Serving Our Community One Dollar at a Time



Julie Karins, ICMA-CM
Goodyear City Manager

This edition of **InFocus** is about much more than numbers. It reflects our commitment to use your tax dollars responsibly and transparently while delivering top-notch city services and planning for the future.

The city of Goodyear's budget is meticulously developed over the

course of a year as city staff works together to identify existing and future needs and carefully plans for how every dollar will be used under the guidance and leadership of the city council. The city's annual budget that went into effect on July 1 supports growth within the conservative fiscal policies adopted by the Goodyear City Council, allowing us to continue on our path of strategic development.

Goodyear continues to experience exciting growth, and our financial outlook remains strong; however,

while the pandemic is ending, we now face challenges of inflation, supply chain breaks, labor shortages and international strife.

In the year ahead, you'll notice that the city is prioritizing transportation projects and public safety. These investments are essential for maintaining an exceptional quality of life and for providing outstanding customer service for our community.

This past year was exciting. We opened the Goodyear Recreation Campus and the new award-winning surface water treatment facility. This upcoming year promises to be equally exciting with the completion of Goodyear Civic Square at GSQ, the construction of the city's eighth fire station and the expansion of the police operations building.

Goodyear is a great place to live, work and play. It's an honor for us to serve our community, and we are committed to keeping our special city a place that you can be proud of through our hard work, dedication, transparency and gratitude.

From the Mayor



Enhancing the quality of life for our residents is a top priority of our city council. Our community focus drives every decision as we transition from a suburban environment to a complete city with core services, good-paying jobs, quality restaurants and desirable leisure activities right

here in Goodyear. We want responsible, balanced growth that will underpin robust commerce, vibrant amenities, a diversity of housing options and strong neighborhoods where people feel a true sense of community and connection.

Our budget reflects those goals. Our council and staff work hard to ensure the city has the infrastructure it needs to support both current and future development in Goodyear in the most cost-effective manner possible. We've approved nearly \$260 million in capital improvement expenditures for such things as street improvements, building a new fire station, expanding our police operations building and other major system enhancements. We are proactive in our approach to public safety, so we are hiring 17 additional positions in our police department and 15 new positions in our fire department to meet the demands of our growing city.

GOODYEAR CIVIC SQUARE

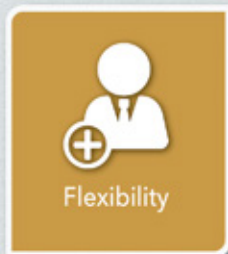
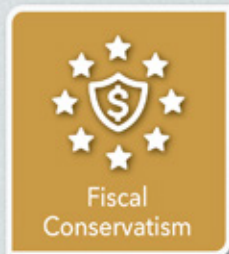


This month, we are moving into our long-awaited new city hall—a place where city services will be consolidated to better serve our residents. We will also open a new two-acre park and state-of-the-art library with fantastic amenities for the whole family at the new Goodyear Civic Square at GSQ. All of these were built without raising taxes. The development you see booming in our community has made this possible. Growth supports the amenities we have all come to enjoy.

This issue highlights this year's budget, and I encourage you to read how we are investing in our community and being good stewards of your tax dollars. Our fiscally conservative approach aims to make the most of our resources while enhancing the quality of life we all enjoy in our beautiful city.

Financial Policies

The Goodyear City Council has adopted conservative financial policies to ensure we grow responsibly.



Learn more about the city's financial policies at goodyearaz.gov/budgetprocess.

COUNCIL THOUGHTS F



Vice Mayor Brannon Hampton

Despite the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and the current economic issues facing the country, Goodyear remains in a strong financial position thanks to our conservative fiscal practices and diverse and growing economy. This strong financial position is allowing the city to invest in important capital projects around infrastructure, roads and water. We were also able to hire new staff members to provide essential services for our residents, which includes public safety.



Councilmember Sheri Lauritano

Council, city management and staff spend significant time making sure the budget reflects the needs of the community. As stewards of the taxpayers' money, it is important that we use resources wisely to maintain a vibrant, safe community. As we are growing, we want to maintain a high level of public safety and provide ample recreation activities for our community. We strive for sustainability and plan and budget for water issues and resources. We also have increased funding to help build and maintain the roads that are needed due to our tremendous growth. As a team, we strive to make Goodyear a great place to live, work and play.



Councilmember Wally Campbell

My top priority when considering the city budget is the safety and security of our residents and businesses. As our city continues to grow, I am committed to ensuring that our police and fire departments have the resources they need to protect the community. The FY23 budget includes funding to hire 17 new police positions and 15 new fire positions. We also continue to make significant public safety capital investments, including funding to build a new fire station in west Goodyear and expand our police operations building. These key public safety investments ensure that Goodyear is prepared to meet the needs of our growing city and keep our residents safe.

OR THE COMING YEAR



Councilmember Bill Stipp

For only the third time since I was first elected in 2011, I voted in favor of the budget this year. The conversations and deliberations that occurred following last year's budget passage did have an impact on the creation of the budget this year; I am grateful for that. As a city, we continue to have a strong financial foundation, and we continue to invest in public safety, infrastructure maintenance and roadway projects. We are all frustrated by the challenges that our growth brings, but you can be assured that growth is not contributing to additional tax burdens for our residents. We are using the revenues from this growth to add services and amenities – growth is paying for itself.



Councilmember Laura Kaino

This is our third consecutive year of developing and approving a budget in unprecedented uncertainty. Having navigated successfully through COVID, we are now faced with inflation and other economic pressures. Despite these new challenges, we are in a strong position to continue to make significant investments in infrastructure, public safety and capital improvement projects because of our conservative financial policies. Additionally, this year the council adopted the first-ever Goodyear Community and Neighborhood Services Master Plan for Human Services, and the budget includes funds to support important pilot programs for mental health and household/community gardens. Goodyear continues to grow and thrive, and I am proud this year's budget is responsive to a wide range of community needs, including building stronger families and neighborhoods.



Councilmember Patrick Bray

Goodyear is one of the fastest growing cities in the country and this rapid growth can create unique challenges. It is the council's responsibility to anticipate these issues and proactively address the needs of our residents to ensure a safe and quality community that we all can enjoy. In this year's budget, the council has once again made significant investments in transportation, water infrastructure and public safety for our residents. We have also budgeted conservatively to ensure that the city is in a strong financial position so we can adapt and respond to the needs of our growing and prosperous city.

Resources

Where the money comes from

Resources are made up of current year revenue and fund balance.*

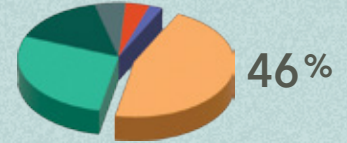
*Fund balance is defined as the carried over amount from previous budget years

\$731.1

**\$333.6
MILLION**

General and Tax Revenue

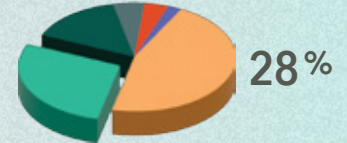
Sales and franchise tax, primary property tax, development-related fees and state-shared revenues



**\$202.1
MILLION**

Capital Funds

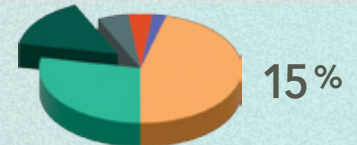
Voter approved bonds and developer contributions for infrastructure



**\$112.3
MILLION**

Enterprise Funds

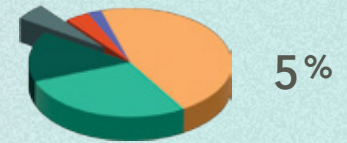
Water, sewer and trash/recycling fees



**\$40.9
MILLION**

Community Facilities Districts & Trust Funds

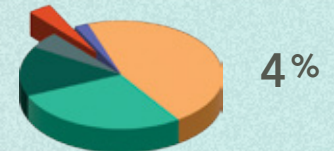
Special taxing districts and self-insurance trust fund



**\$28.5
MILLION**

Special Revenue Funds

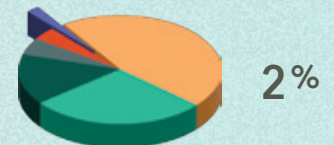
Revenues with federal, state or local government restrictions



**\$13.7
MILLION**

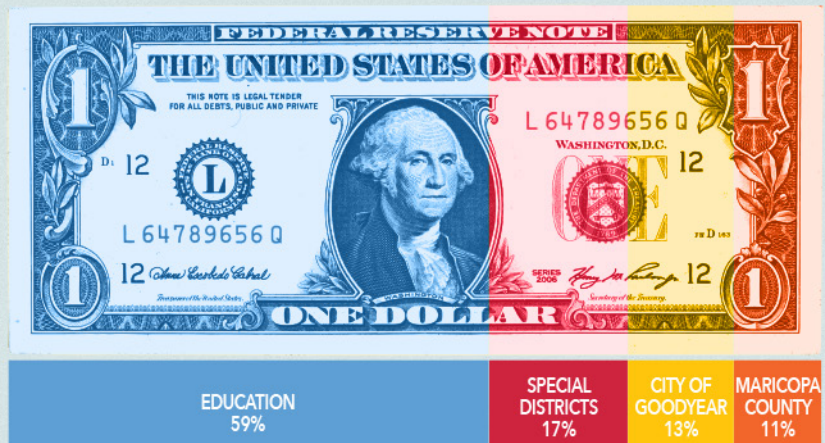
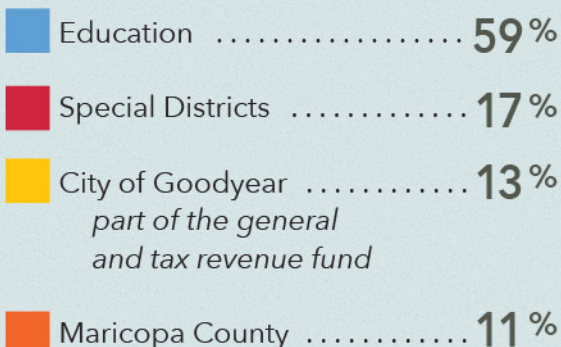
Debt Service Funds

Secondary property taxes and requirements for debt service repayment



Property Taxes

Where your money goes



Expenditures

Where the money will go

The remaining revenue, that's not allocated below, will be added to fund balance and carried into the next budget.

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\$650.4

**\$259.9
MILLION**

Capital Improvement Program

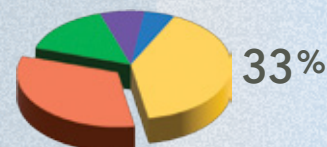
Large projects such as renovating fire stations and building a new one, expanding the police operations building and improving transportation and water infrastructure



\$214.2
MILLION

Operations

Maintenance and enhancement of city services and programs, such as parks, recreational programs, public safety and well-maintained streets



**\$97.2
MILLION**

Contingency

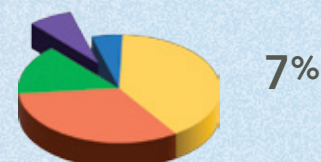
Reserve for expediting capital projects and unexpected expenditures



**\$47.6
MILLION**

Debt Service

Repayes the principal and interest on bonds used to finance major projects, such as buildings, water and wastewater plants



\$31.5
MILLION

One-Time Items

Single purchases, such as vehicles, grant match funds and technology upgrades



Operations

Operations makes up 33% of what the city spends money on and helps to maintain critical services that keep the city safe, clean and running every day.

\$214.2

\$57.1
MILLION

General Government

Includes departments such as city management, technology, finance and legal



\$57
MILLION

Public Safety

Fire, police and court-related activities



\$43.7
MILLION

Public Works

Water, wastewater, facilities maintenance and sanitation services



\$31.7
MILLION

Parks, Recreation & Ballpark

Sports programs, community pool and library



\$24.7
MILLION

Development/Engineering/Streets

Planning and zoning, building permits oversight and street maintenance



Growing Our Team to Better Serve You

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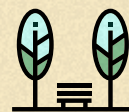
We're adding 67 employees this year and 55% of those new hires are for public safety! Learn about the opportunities to join the team at goodyearaz.gov/jobs.

Additional Positions by Service Areas



Public Safety
37

Parks & Recreation



10

General Government
5



Development Services/
Economic Development
4

Public Works



6

Streets/
Engineering
3



Information Technology
2



Capital Improvement Program

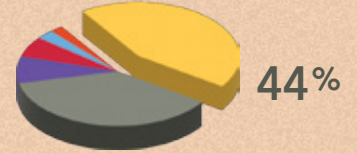
\$259.9

The city's major projects account for 40% of the budget. These projects often stretch out over a couple of years and are necessary to ensure exceptional services and quality of life for residents.

\$114.4
MILLION

Other Projects

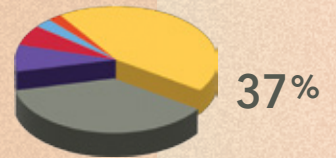
Including: Goodyear Recreation Campus Phase II, Mobile Command Vehicle, Rainbow Valley Water Reclamation Facility design and expansion



\$94.5
MILLION

Streets/Transportation

Several street improvements and widening projects



\$21.4
MILLION

Police Building Phase II

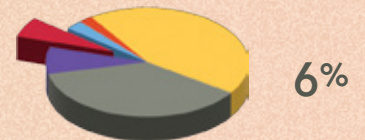
Opening in 2023



\$16.5
MILLION

Fire Station 188

Opening in 2023



\$6.9
MILLION

Historic Goodyear Water Line Replacements

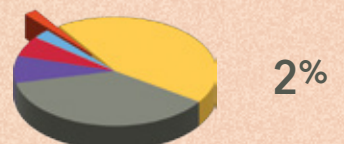
Completion in 2024



\$6.2
MILLION

Fire Station 183 Renovation

Completion in 2023



Capital Projects

STREET IMPROVEMENTS

Improving city streets and traffic flow is a priority for the Goodyear City Council, and the budget includes several transportation projects. Projects include widening Bullard Avenue south of Van Buren Street, removing the scalloped streets on Estrella Parkway between Illini Street to Bullard Avenue and modifying left turn lanes at PebbleCreek Parkway southbound at Virginia Avenue, Estrella Parkway northbound at Roosevelt Street and Litchfield Road westbound at McDowell Road. New traffic signal controllers and vehicle detection equipment will also be installed this coming year, which will improve traffic flow at some of the city's busiest intersections.



POLICE BUILDING EXPANSION AND NEW FIRE STATION

The city is building a new fire station and expanding the police operations building. The police building on Van Buren Street, between Litchfield Road and Bullard Avenue, will include more space for the criminal investigations division, areas for training and a shooting range. Construction is already underway. The fire station, scheduled to open in 2023, will be the city's eighth fire station and be located on the northeast corner of Citrus Road and Harrison Street.

WE'RE MOVING

Goodyear City Hall, the Development Services Department and the Goodyear Library are moving!



IMPORTANT DATES

City Hall and **Development Services** will close permanently on July 15 at their current locations and will reopen on July 18 at **Goodyear Civic Square at GSQ.**

and

The **Goodyear Library** is now closed (items can still be checked out online and picked up from current location) and will reopen on Aug. 1 at **Goodyear Civic Square at GSQ.**

New Address of Goodyear Civic Square at GSQ:
1900 N. Civic Square, Goodyear, AZ 85395

GOODYEAR CIVIC SQUARE AT GSQ

This summer, the new city hall, a spacious park and two-story library will open at 150th Drive and McDowell Road. This new space will provide a perfect gathering spot to enjoy with friends and family and be home to new city events. It's also expected to jumpstart the development of more restaurants, stores and entertainment options in Goodyear! A community ribbon cutting will take place on Aug. 1. Event details are on the back cover of this magazine.



City of Goodyear ELECTION



July 22 Last day to request an early ballot



July 26 Last day to mail in your early ballot



Aug. 2 Election Day

On the ballot, voters will select one candidate for mayor and up to three councilmember candidates.

For additional information on the election, visit

goodyearaz.gov/elections.



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What's That in Goodyear?

Learn more about the businesses coming to Goodyear at **developgoodyearaz.com**.



Cantina Gueros
15375 W. McDowell Rd.
Now Open!

Pedego Electric Bikes
781 S. Cotton Ln., Suite D115
Opening: Mid-July



Water Quality Report

The city of Goodyear is committed to delivering safe drinking water to its customers. Water is tested throughout the year to ensure it meets all state and federal standards.

The city is proud to continue to deliver water that exceeds those standards.

To view the latest Water Quality Report, visit **goodyearaz.gov/waterreport**.



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GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL



(l to r): Bill Stipp, Patrick Bray, Laura Kaino, Mayor Joe Pizzillo, Wally Campbell, Sheri Lauritano and Vice Mayor Brannon Hampton.

GOODYEAR CITY COUNCIL CALENDAR

July 11	5 p.m. 6 p.m.	Work Session Council Meeting
July 18	5 p.m. 6 p.m.	Work Session Council Meeting
Aug. 15*	5 p.m.	Special Council Meeting

For the latest meeting information, visit goodyearaz.gov. Council meetings and work sessions are held at Goodyear Municipal Court and Council Chambers, 14455 W. Van Buren St., B101.

***Beginning Aug. 1, Goodyear City Council Meetings will take place at Goodyear Civic Square, 1900 N. Civic Square.**

Catch all of the council meetings streaming live on our Facebook page @goodyearaz and YouTube channel.



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Goodyear City Hall & Library Ribbon Cutting Celebration



Be one of the first to visit this beautiful new community spot!

Monday, Aug. 1 ❤️ **Festivities 7-9 a.m.**

❤️ Early Lawn Yoga

❤️ Giveaways

❤️ Food Trucks

❤️ Tours

❤️ Lawn Games

❤️ Ribbon Cutting (8 a.m.)



1900 N. Civic Square (McDowell Rd./150th Dr.)

goodyearaz.gov/events